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SUBJECT: TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE (TAD)

1. FRENCH DEPUTY NADREP DE GUILLBON TELEPHONED USNADREP THIS MORNING TO ANNOUNCE THAT GENERAL CAUCHIE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE 20 MARCH MEETING OF THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE. DE GUILLBON ASKED IF MEETING COULD BE MOVED TO MORNING OF 21 MARCH WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE FRENCH BECAUSE OF LACK OF INTERPRETERS. USNADREP TOLD DE GUILLBON HE WOULD PASS MESSAGE TO US AUTHORITIES. DE GUILLBON SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED STATING OTHER IEPG NADREPS WERE AGAINST MEETING ON 21 MARCH BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICT WITH EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP MEETING ON LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM.

2. USNADREP ASKED DE GUILLBON IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR MR. MONNIER (GEN. CAUCHIE'S DEPUTY) TO ATTEND IN HIS PLACE OR, FAILING THAT, SOME OTHER APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM PARIS. DE GUILLBON REPLIED THAT MONNIER WAS ALSO OCCUPIED ON THE 20TH. (FYI: DE GUILLBON SAID THAT GENERAL CAUCHIE WAS MEETING WITH AN ITALIAN DELEGATION IN PARIS WHICH INCLUDED ADMIRAL MAININI. END FYI.)

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3. COMMENT: WE VIEW THIS SUDDEN TURN OF EVENTS AS ANOTHER INDICATION OF LACK OF FRENCH ENTHUSIASM FOR THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE. END COMMENT.

4. UK NADREP HAS INFORMED US THAT MR. MACDONALD WILL REPRESENT THE UK ON 20 MARCH.

5. FOUR ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED AT THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL (RUE ROYALE 250, PHONE: 219.46.40) -- 2 FOR DR. GARBER PLUS ONE FOR THE NIGHTS OF 19 THRU 23 MARCH INCLUSIVE, 2 FOR NIGHTS OF 19 AND 20 MARCH. PRIVATE MEETING ROOM HAS BEEN RESERVED AT HYATT REGENCY FOR 1700-1900 HRS ON 19 MARCH FOR CANADIAN BILATERAL. REQUEST WASHINGTON SEND NATO SECURITY CLEARANCES, FINAL LIST OF ADDRESSEES, ARRIVAL TIMES AND FLIGHT NUMBERS, AND GRADES OF ALL ATTENDEES SOONEST. BENNETT

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